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## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

## STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 5, 2001

PETITION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

CASE NO. PUC010202

For Extended Local Service from Verizon Virginia Inc.'s Haysi exchange to its Dante, Honaker, and Lebanon exchanges and to Verizon South Inc.'s Richlands and Big Prater exchanges

## ORDER DIRECTING POLL

In October 2000, telephone subscribers in Verizon Virginia Inc.'s ("Verizon Virginia") Haysi exchange petitioned the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to the Dante, Honaker, and Lebanon exchanges of Verizon Virginia and to the Richlands and Big Prater exchanges of Verizon South Inc. ("Verizon South"). On August 16, 2001, the Commission accepted a cost study from Verizon Virginia that was used to estimate the approximate change in the monthly rate for service that will result from the extension of local calling.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the petition and § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia, finds that this matter should be docketed and that Verizon Virginia should poll its subscribers in the Haysi exchange regarding their willingness to

pay higher rates for local calling to the Dante, Honaker, and Lebanon exchanges of Verizon Virginia and to the Richlands and Big Prater exchanges of Verizon South.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC010202.
- (2) Verizon Virginia shall poll its Haysi exchange customers to determine whether a majority of those customers are willing to pay an increase in rates for local calling to the Dante, Honaker, and Lebanon exchanges of Verizon Virginia and to the Richlands and Big Prater exchanges of Verizon South.

  Verizon Virginia shall file the results of its poll with the Commission on or before January 22, 2002.
- (3) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.